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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Lawrence E. Bodkin, Sr.

Serial No.: 09/496467

Filed: 02/02/2000

For: BUOYANCY DEVICES USING CONFORMAL CAVITIES

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Office Action dated 4/25/01, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

See attached clean copy and attached version with markings to show changes made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, delete line 15.

Page 2, line 16, delete "A", insert --It may also be said that a--

Page 2, delete line 20.

Page 2, line 21, as amended prior to examination, delete "A", insert --It may also be more broadly stated that a--

Page 3, line 5, delete "You", insert --you--

Page 11, line 5, delete "representation", insert --view--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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REMARKS

The Examiner's suggested remedies for correcting the basis for objections and rejections are much appreciated and have been incorporated into amendments of the abstract and of the specification to avoid stated objections. The claims have been amended to avoid both objections under 37 CFR 1.75(c) and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 to avoid such objections and rejections. Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 101 is contested on the basis that the applicant's revised buoyancy law, although generally unrecognized, is perfectly valid.